

**Introduced by Senator Scott**February 21, 2008

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An act to amend Section 9554 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1377, as introduced, Scott. Computation of fees and penalties.

Existing law provides for the computation of any registration or weight fee or penalty imposed by the Vehicle Code, whether on a proration basis or otherwise, and requires that the computation of any penalty be made from the fee after the same has been computed. Existing law also excepts from this computation the penalty for delinquency with respect to the last transfer of a registration and requires that a penalty in the amount of \$15 be collected with the fee.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 9554 of the Vehicle Code is amended to
- 2 read:
- 3 9554. (a) (1) The penalty shall be computed as provided in
- 4 Sections 9406 and 9559 and shall be collected with the fee, except
- 5 that the penalty for delinquency with respect to any transfer is
- 6 fifteen dollars (\$15) and applies only to the last transfer.
- 7 (2) A penalty shall be added on ~~any~~ *an* application for renewal
- 8 of registration made later than midnight of the date of expiration

1 or on or after the date penalties become due. The penalty shall be  
2 computed after the registration and weight fees have been combined  
3 with the license fee specified in Section 10751 of the Revenue and  
4 Taxation Code, as follows:

5 (A) For a delinquency period of 10 days or less, the penalty is  
6 10 percent of the fee.

7 (B) For a delinquency period of more than 10 days to and  
8 including 30 days, the penalty is 20 percent of the fee.

9 (C) For a delinquency period of more than 30 days to and  
10 including one year, the penalty is 60 percent of the fee.

11 (D) For a delinquency period of more than one year to and  
12 including two years, the penalty is 80 percent of the fee.

13 (E) For a delinquency period of more than two years, the penalty  
14 is 160 percent of the fee.

15 (3) This subdivision applies to the renewal of registration for  
16 vehicles with expiration dates on or before December 31, 2002.

17 (b) Penalties specified in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this  
18 subdivision shall be computed as provided in Section 9559 and  
19 shall be collected with the fee, except that the penalty for  
20 delinquency with respect to any transfer is fifteen dollars (\$15)  
21 and applies only to the last transfer. A penalty shall be added on  
22 ~~any~~ *an* application for a renewal of registration made later than  
23 midnight of the date of expiration or on or after the date penalties  
24 become due.

25 (1) (A) For a delinquency period of 10 days or less, the penalty  
26 is ten dollars (\$10).

27 (B) For a delinquency period of more than 10 days, to and  
28 including 30 days, the penalty is fifteen dollars (\$15).

29 (C) For a delinquency period of more than 30 days, to and  
30 including one year, the penalty is thirty dollars (\$30).

31 (D) For a delinquency period of more than one year, to and  
32 including two years, the penalty is fifty dollars (\$50).

33 (E) For a delinquency period of more than two years, the penalty  
34 is one hundred dollars (\$100).

35 (2) The penalty on the weight fee and the vehicle license fee  
36 shall be computed after the weight fee as provided in Section 9400  
37 or 9400.1 plus the vehicle license fee specified in Section 10751  
38 of the Revenue and Taxation Code have been added together as  
39 follows:

1 (A) For a delinquency period of 10 days or less, the penalty is  
2 10 percent of the fee.

3 (B) For a delinquency period exceeding 10 days, to and  
4 including 30 days, the penalty is 20 percent of the fee.

5 (C) For a delinquency period of more than 30 days, to and  
6 including one year, the penalty is 60 percent of the fee.

7 (D) For a delinquency period of more than one year, to and  
8 including two years, the penalty is 80 percent of the fee.

9 (E) For a delinquency period of more than two years, the penalty  
10 is 160 percent of the fee.

11 (3) Weight fees not reported and not paid within 20 days, as  
12 required by Section 9406, shall be assessed a penalty on the  
13 difference in the weight fee, as follows:

14 (A) For a delinquency period of 10 days or less, the penalty is  
15 10 percent of the fee.

16 (B) For a delinquency period exceeding 10 days, to and  
17 including 30 days, the penalty is 20 percent of the fee.

18 (C) For a delinquency period of more than 30 days, to and  
19 including one year, the penalty is 60 percent of the fee.

20 (D) For a delinquency period of more than one year, to and  
21 including two years, the penalty is 80 percent of the fee.

22 (E) For a delinquency period of more than two years, the penalty  
23 is 160 percent of the fee.

24 (4) This subdivision applies to the renewal of registration for  
25 vehicles with expiration dates on or after January 1, 2003.